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WHEREAS many of our
good Subjects, who have
not been fully acquainted with our
Designs, may desire to be informed
of the Motives of our supporting

at this time our just Rights, which we have suffered so long to lie dormant, this is therefore to satisfy them, and to convince all those who have hitherto been blind to the Advantages we design to procure them, that this our Invasion, tho' intended (if necessary) to be carried on by Fire and Sword, is without the least View to our own private Interest, and solely for the Profit and Happiness of our said loving Subjects; which we do not doubt to make appear to the Satisfaction of all Mankind, and especially those who are more immediately concern'd: So that all our said loving Subjects will be oblig'd, not
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only in point of Duty, but from every Motive of private Interest, to support, further, aid, and assist us in this our pious and laudable Design and Undertaking.

We *Charles Edward Stuart*,
(Son of *James Francis Stuart*)
now arising from Obscurity, and
resolving to fill the World with
the Sound of our magnanimous
Name, which has from our Infancy
scarcely been heard of in these our
Kingdoms ; in Contempt of all
the pretended Rights of the Peo-
ple to chuse their own Governour,
and with Detestation and Abhor-
rence of all the Laws made in
Vertue of this Right, by which

we are excluded from the Crown,
 re-assert the exploded (though
 to us glorious) Notions of a
 Right, Hereditary and Divine;
 by which said Divine and Here-
 ditary Right, we now lay claim
 to all and every the Dominions of
 our late magnanimous Grand-
 father, of courageous Memory;
 who, after finding all his La-
 bours to subvert and extinguish
 that sacred Liberty, which is the
 Bane of the Fools who prize it,
 prove unsuccessful, abdicated the
 Throne; and collecting, in his
 Fright, all his matchless Valour
 into some hidden Corner of his
 Heart, where it happen'd to be
 lost, fled from your Anger with
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the *Swiftnefs* of an *Eagle*, and
the *Courage* of a *Dove*.

On this folid Basis, to wit, the
Divine and Hereditary Right, do
we found our Claim. Our ever
Honour'd Father, *James Francis
Stuart* aforefaid, graciously con-
defcending to resign to us what
he himfelf never was in poffeffion
of; for tho' you were neither un-
der his Authority nor Protection,
you were ftill his Subje&s, and
now are mine. We are God's
Vicegerent upon Earth, defcended
in a direct Line of Kings, from
the eldeft Son of *Adam*; we
were the firft Inhabitants of *Great-
Britain*, and reign'd ftill, not-
withftanding

withstanding the numberless Revolutions before *Cæsar*, and then were *Romans, Picts, Vandals, Goths, Normans*, and in short both *Lancaster* and *York*. This We command all our loving Subjects to believe, as the shortest Argument to prove the Justice of our Claim; for, upon my Honour, it is true. And indeed if this is not a Proof of Hereditary Right, nothing can be so.

Further, We command you to believe, that in Consequence of our enjoying the Privilege of being God's Vicegerent upon Earth, it is the greatest Crime to dispute our sacred Laws, and that all

Acts

Acts tending to exclude us from the Station we, under him alone, enjoy, are wicked, detestable and damnable.

These things being consider'd, and assented to, we don't doubt but, extinguishing every Spark of Reason and Common-Sense, you will join your best Endeavours to carry on our *wise* Designs, in Conjunction with us and our good Brother and Ally, his most Christian Majesty the King of *France*; who upon many Accounts is highly offended at the Measures taken by your Government. The Particulars of which just Discontent are as follow;

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He thinks it highly insolent in you to resent his Violation of Treaties, sacred to every Nation but his own.

This most vertuous and religious Prince is surprized at your presuming to dispute His Right of interfering in the Affairs of all the Courts of *Europe*, and especially with his being Moderator of all the Differences between the contending Nations, by which he serves and promotes his own Interest; which, as it is infinitely more dear to him than the Interest of all other Nations put together, he has justly consulted to the Prejudice of them all.

Further,

Further, his said most Christian Majesty, considering the many Cruelties and Devastations you have made among his Subjects, the Check you have always given, and still presume to give, to the Ambition of his Ancestors, and especially to his and their noble Emulation to enslave all *Europe*, and obtain the Title of universal Monarch.

And also considering that his Subjects still tremble and turn pale at the hated names of an *Edward* the Black Prince, of a *Henry* the Fifth, of a *Marlborough*, of a *George*, &c. The Thunder
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of whose Arms have so often
 blasted the Designs of his An-
 cestors ; and the latter of whom
 has in particular, disconcerted his
 own Schemes : to vindicate his
 suffering Honour, and to revenge
 the unparall'd Injuries he, the
 said King of *France*, and his Sub-
 jects have receiv'd, as well as in
 Consideration of our own super-
 lative Merit, has graciously given
 us his Assistance, and now sup-
 ports our Claim to these our Do-
 minions, by his Troops, glorious
 in Arms, and terrible for turning
 their Backs on the Foe ; Troops
 that shall lay waste the Fields of
 his and our Enemies, invellop the
 Cities and Towns that oppose us
 in

in Flames, and out of his great Regard and Compassion for the Injuries we have suffer'd in being so long deprived of our just Rights, put all to the Sword that oppose our united Force.

Thus inspired by the Justice of our Cause, we invade our Territories, and solely with a View to your temporal and eternal Happiness, resolve to set ourself upon the Throne. An Event which you our loving Subjects cannot fail of desiring with the utmost Ardour ; especially considering the great and inestimable Advantages which will accrue to yourselves from our happy Accession,

fion, ſince nothing ſhall be want-
 ing on our parts to complete your
 Felicity. The ſtrong and violent
 Bigotry of our Education, the ar-
 bitrary Maxims of Government
 imbib'd from lawleſs Princes, our
 Zeal for the Holy Cauſe, and Con-
 tempt of the pretended Rights of
 Religion and Conſcience, ſhall
 render our Sway pleaſingly rigo-
 rous, ſhall tie your Fetters faſt ;
 while, inſtead of Jewels and Gold,
 your Wrifts ſhall be encircled
 with the charming Manacles of
 Slavery. It is true that with a
 Heart full of Affection for you,
 our ſuffering Subjects, we have pi-
 tied you, while ſupinely basking
 yourſelves under the tranquil In-
 fluences

fluences of an Administration
 fam'd for Clemency ; an Admi-
 nistration guilty of corrupting your
 Minds by a criminal Indulgence,
 and shall therefore condescend to
 trample upon your Necks, rule
 you with a Rod of Iron, and
 make you sensible that when a
 lawful King reigns, Passive-Obe-
 dience and Non-resistance are the
 indispensable Duties of a Subject ;
 that to rebel against such a King,
 is to rebel against the Almighty,
 by whom he reigns ; and that but
 to mutter against the Lord's A-
 nointed is a deadly Sin, and no
 less than Blasphemy.

However to ingratiate ourself
 into the Esteem of all Heretics, we

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here solemnly declare ourself a Protestant ; and, after the Examples of His late Sacred Majesty our royal Grandfather, and our pious Ancestor Queen *Mary*, of *Blessed* Memory, promise to maintain your religious and civil Rights free and undisturb'd, 'till we are firmly settled on the Throne, and no longer. Then the Voice of Liberty shall no more be heard ; *Smithfield* shall blaze, and in Flakes of Smoak and Fire lift up our Praises to the Sky, while no *British* Bosom shall presume to swell with the generous Glow of Freedom.

The charming Superstition and Bigotry we have suck'd in with
our

our Milk, and which has been cherish'd, and strengthened by our being educated under the Influence and Protection of his Holiness the Pope, our ever honoured Friend, will then engage us to adorn your Churches and Chapels, and make Religion appear glorious all lovely and inviting. At the same Time, we, out of our great Goodness, will grant that those who are endowed with Abbey or Church Lands, Presentations, &c. shall be saved from the damnable Sin of Sacrilege for the future, by being oblig'd to restore them to our Holy Church, from whence they were wickedly torn. As to the Sectaries, they sure cannot

yet have forgot the peculiar Advantages they enjoy'd under the auspicious Reigns of the *Stuarts*. They still remember the pleasing Retreats our Ancestors have heretofore provided for them ; the cool, refreshing Shade of Prison Walls, and the healthful Damp of Dungeons. They shall now enjoy the same, and even still greater Favours ; their Conventicles shall be levell'd with the Ground, and in Compassion to their Souls, their Persons tied to the Stake ; while all our Nobles shall bow down to the Priests, and devoutly pay homage to the sacred Legate. Thus Religion shall raise her Head, and Schism and Heresy be trampled

pled in the Dust ; while you of the soft Sex, so fam'd for Beauty, shall have Convents erected to keep you chaste, and libidinous Fryars and jolly Abbots to make you leud. *Rome* shall pour forth her Treasures, and cover this happy Land with Pardons and Indulgences.

In Consideration of all these great Advantages (which really consist in nothing less than saving you from eternal Perdition) and to defray the Expence of this truly glorious Undertaking, as well as to repay the immense Sums We and our Family have already borrowed, you shall have the in-

estimable Privilege of becoming tributary to the Crown of *France* : shall carry on a free Trade with that flourishing Nation, for every thing they can procure you ; and in return for their valuable Commodities, you shall pay them in Wool, or whatever else unmanufactured Goods they shall require of you ; by which Trade you will be saved an infinite deal of Labour and Fatigue : and on these Considerations, so much to your Ease and Profit, his said most Christian Majesty will bind himself to continue to assist us with his invincible Forces, either to quell our Enemies abroad, or to suppress the Designs of all evil-minded
 People

People at home, who may disturb the Tranquility of our righteous Reign, or poison the Minds of our good Subjects with Sentiments inconsistent with our Glory.

In Consideration of the baneful Liberty in which you have so long rioted, and the Injury we have suffered from being excluded the Crown by an almost unanimous Consent of Parliament, by which means we have for a long time been unjustly deprived of an Opportunity of tyrannizing over you ; we will that all Parliaments be abolished ; and assuming an unlimited Power, expect from you, our dear and well-beloved Sub-

jects, all that Passive-Obedience and Non-resistance which will contribute to the Honour and Glory of our Crown and Dignity.

As our thus abolishing the Use of all Parliaments, and setting the Government upon a new and different Foundation, is an Affair of the utmost Importance, an Affair which our most sacred Family has had much at heart, and in vain labour'd with the utmost Care to effect ; and which, upon mature Deliberation, appears absolutely necessary for the Support of our glorious Cause, since we cannot even hope to keep our self
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upon the Throne for any long Continuance, without an entire Change in the Laws and Constitution of the Government of these our Kingdoms of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, &c. We hereby declare, for the Satisfaction of all our loving Subjects, that we will not lay down our Arms, if we can help it, 'till we have wrought this mighty Change, so requisite for the Continuance of our Prosperity, and so necessary to compleat the Slavery of our dear Subjects.

In Consequence of our making these necessary and mighty Changes in the Laws of these our Realms, the greatest Advantages will accrue

crue to you, our dear loving Subjects, since you may expect, that the national Debts, (which are only secured by Authority of Parliament, and which are a great Load upon the People) shall be cancell'd, and the Funds for the Payment of them deposited in our Power. By which means this Nation will have the Honour of being at once out of Debt, and We ourself above the Dependance of borrowing of our Subjects. And this must appear more reasonable, as those very Debts were contracted to support the pernicious Liberty and Freedom of the Legislature, chiefly against the Attempts of the Great-grandfather of our dear

Brother

Brother and Allie, his most Christian Majesty, in the common Cause of Tyranny and Slavery.

And further, in vertue of our acknowledged Power of dispensing with the Laws by which we govern, which are only binding to the Subject, and to which our glorious Predecessors have always thought themselves superior, we will make all those Changes in the Property of our dear and well-beloved Subjects as to us shall seem meet. And these Changes shall be such as will be requisite to express our Gratitude and Affection to those Foreigners of the Catholic Religion, to whom we have been
bound

bound by the Obligations of Friendship and Inclination, from our Infancy, as well as to reward those who have followed our Fortune in our Exile ; by which means all Places of Trust and Profit, as well as many considerable Estates, will be put into the Hands of our Creatures, who will hereby be engag'd by Interest to further our Designs in humbling the proud Contemners of our Prerogative, who, blind to the Advantages they will enjoy under our glorious Reign, may have the Insolence and Folly to think of *Liberty*, and to regret the Loss of the pernicious Trifle.

Thus

Thus having nobly subverted the Constitution under which you have been long protected in the Enjoyment of all your Civil and Religious Rights, you will have the Pleasure of seeing your Possessions become precarious, you will feel that it is the Duty of a Subject to obey, and not to dispute the Laws of his Sovereign. Then how great will be your Satisfaction to be sensible of the charming Difference there is between an arbitrary and a free Government. The Press shall be silent, and no more with impious Language dare to censure your Sovereign, while the Man that presumes but to clink his Chains, and stain the spotless

Paper

Paper with the Name of *Liberty*,
or *the Rights of the People*, shall
share the Fate of a *Sydney*.

Thus, my good Subjects, I
shall no sooner be established on
the Throne, than, exerting all my
Power, I will reign supreme and
independant; and, as much as
in us lies, utterly extinguish that
Liberty which is the noblest Inheri-
tance of an *Englishman*. It is true,
We have little or nothing to hazard
in this Undertaking, and many of
you have great Estates and im-
mense Riches; sacrifice all for
us, and expect all from our
Bounty; and be ready to believe
that you have nothing that an ar-
bitrary

bitrary Monarch has not a Claim to : and indeed how blest'd will be the Change, for you to enjoy the charmingly tranquil Sweets of Poverty, while we with lawless Power wallow in your Wealth, and instead of being a mock King become a real one !

To conclude then, if there are any Charms in an arbitrary Government, any thing desirable in Slavery, any thing terrible in being thought a free People, or any thing more than Nonsense in the Divine and Hereditary Right we lay claim to, we don't doubt our being supported by your unanimous and hearty Assistance, in
such

such a Manner as to remove every
Obstacle, and place us on the
Throne to which we aspire.

*Given at our Court at Dunkirk,
this Tenth Day of March,
in the Year of our Lord
1744.*

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